

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 111th Congress¹**

[Date approved: June 4, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2347 (Mr. David Vitter of Louisiana).

Proponent name,³ location: Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc., Greensboro, NC.

Other bills on product (111th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty reduction through December 31, 2011.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

Chloro-N-(2-ethyl-6-methylphenyl)-N-(2-methoxy-1-methylethyl)acetamide (s-Metolachlor) (CAS No. 87392-12-9) (provided for in subheading 2924.29.47).

Check one: ☐ Same as that in bill as introduced.
 ☒ Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject product is the active ingredient used in the manufacture of a number of herbicide formulations to provide control of grass weeds in corn, soybeans, and many other crops. The product is imported from Switzerland.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Stephen Wanser (202-205-3363); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.

³ The sponsor did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 2924.29.47:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$70,975,828	\$82,374,500	\$85,534,400	\$95,693,840	\$95,693,840
Customs revenue loss ^{b c}	\$354,879	\$411,873	\$427,672	\$478,469	\$478,469

a/ Dutiable import estimates were provided by industry sources.

b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

c/ The estimated customs revenue loss is based on a temporary reduction of the general rate of duty from 6.5 percent ad valorem to 6 percent ad valorem, a reduction of 0.5 percentage points.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. (Proponent) Angus Kelly, 202-347-7772 angus.kelly@syngenta.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Arkema Inc. (Atofina) Brian Sowa, 202-467-5459 Brian@strategicmi.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Greg Thies, 202-299-7240, gregory.thies@basf.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Bayer CropScience, LLP Jean Reimers, 202-756-3779 jean.reimers@bayercropscience.com Michael Gill, 202-508-8843, Mgill@crowell.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Chemtura Corporation Matt Mattingley, 202-841-5601 matt@mattingleygroup.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
CropLife America Doug Nelson, 202-872-3880 dnelson@croplifeamerica.org	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Dow AgroSciences Max Turnipseed, 225-338-0310, mctint@att.net Lisa Schroeter, 202-429-3407, lschroeter@dow.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No

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		(Yes/No)		
DuPont Elaine Olsen, 302-992-2263 elaine.m.olsen@usa.dupont.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
FMC Corp. Jerry Prout, 202-956-5209, jerry.prout@fmc.com Steve Ziehm, 202-872-8181, sziehm@igc.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Gowan Company Cindy Baker, 928-819-1554, cbaker@gowanco.com George Rolofson, 336-580-1116 grolofson@triad.rr.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Makhteshim Agan of North America, Inc. Scott Rawlins, 443-762-5377, scottr@manainc.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Monsanto Corp. Michael Parrish, 202-383-2859 michael.parrish@monsanto.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Nufarm Limited Joel R. Junker, 206-621-7878, joel@jrjtradelaw.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Solutia Inc. Kassie Wooton, 314-674-3297, kdwoot@solutia.com Robert Hurley, 202-289-9800 rhurley@theaccordgroup.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
United Phosphorus Inc. Diane Fago, 610-491-2816, diane.fago@uniphos.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No
Valent USA Corp. Robin Demouth, 925-256-2758 robin.demouth@valent.com	11/20/2009	No	No	No

Technical comments:⁴

The Commission staff recommends that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed heading in order to correct the HTS subheading reference and to make other corrections. Also, the Commission staff suggests that “6.0%” be deleted from the proposed heading and “6%” be inserted in lieu thereof.

⁴ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2347

To suspend temporarily the duty on s-Metolachlor.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 2009

Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on s-Metolachlor.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. S-METOLACHLOR.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
7 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	Chloro-N-(2-ethyl-6-methylphenyl)-N-(2-methoxy-1-methylethyl)acetamide (s-Metolachlor). (CAS No. 87392–12–9) (as provided for in Subheading 2924.29.4700)	6.0%	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

